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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
4 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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6 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, New York, N.Y.

7 v. 19 Cr. 116 (KMW)

8 REINALDO ROMAN,

9 Defendant.  
10 -----x11 December 3, 2020  
12 12:40 p.m.

13 Before:

14 HON. KIMBA M. WOOD,

15 District Judge

## 16 APPEARANCES

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1 (Case called; all parties electronically present)

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Will counsel please state their  
3 appearances for the record?

4 MR. HOBSON: Good morning, your Honor. Adam Hobson  
5 for the government.

6 MS. HAN: Good morning, your Honor. Heather Han and  
7 Michael Tremonte for Mr. Roman. Mr. Roman is appearing via  
8 video and, for the record, due to the Court's instruction that  
9 only one counsel may appear by video, Mr. Tremonte is currently  
10 present via the conference line.

11 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

12 We are still having technical issues. I cannot see  
13 any of you but you have been waiting a long time and I am  
14 prepared to proceed if that is what counsel wish. I will ask  
15 first the defense counsel.

16 MS. HAN: That is fine with us, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Thank you.

18 Mr. Hobson?

19 MR. HOBSON: No objection from us if it is okay with  
20 the defendant. I will note that we can see your Honor -- or at  
21 least I can.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 Can you, Ms. Han?

24 MS. HAN: Yes, I can see your Honor too.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Roman, can you see me?

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1                   THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am, I can.

2                   THE COURT: Okay.

3                   THE DEFENDANT: Good morning.

4                   THE COURT: Good morning. How are you feeling today?

5                   THE DEFENDANT: I'm good. I'm okay. I came straight  
6 from work.

7                   THE COURT: I see. Is your mind clear?

8                   THE DEFENDANT: Yes, it is, ma'am.

9                   THE COURT: All right. I note that Mr. Roman,  
10 Ms. Han, AUSA Hobson and I are all appearing via CourtCall  
11 which permits each of us to see one another's faces and hear  
12 one another. The Judges are required to ask a defendant such  
13 as you, Mr. Roman, a number of questions on the record before  
14 sentencing you by video conference. You have the right to be  
15 sentenced by me in a courtroom where we would both be in the  
16 presence of one another.

17                  Do you understand that you have that right?

18                  THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

19                  THE COURT: You also have the right to waive -- which  
20 means give up -- your right to be sentenced in person. You may  
21 have good reasons for choosing to be sentenced by video  
22 conference.

23                  Do you understand that?

24                  THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

25                  THE COURT: Have you discussed with your lawyer

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1 whether you should give up your right to be sentenced in  
2 person?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have.

4 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Han, could you please tell  
5 me the reason or reasons that Mr. Roman chooses to be sentenced  
6 by video conference?

7 MS. HAN: Yes, your Honor.

8 We discussed with Mr. Roman the options to be  
9 sentenced in person which, under the current circumstances,  
10 might not happen for an infinite amount of time and then the  
11 other option being to be sentenced remotely via video  
12 conferencing, and Mr. Roman wishes to proceed with sentencing  
13 and voluntarily waives his right to be physically present at  
14 the sentencing hearing.

15 THE COURT: Thank you.

16 Mr. Roman, do you agree with what Ms. Han has just  
17 said?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do, ma'am.

19 THE COURT: Okay. I find that Mr. Roman has knowingly  
20 and voluntarily waived his right to be sentenced by me in my  
21 courtroom and chooses to be sentenced via video conference. I  
22 also find, for the reasons specified by Ms. Han, that the  
23 sentencing in this case cannot be further delayed without  
24 serious harm to the interest of justice.

25 Mr. Roman, have you had an adequate opportunity to

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1 review your presentence report with Ms. Han?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 Ms. Han, do you wish any changes to the presentence  
5 report?

6 MS. HAN: Nothing beyond the comments that we noted in  
7 our written submission, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

9 At this point I will be glad to hear Ms. Han for  
10 anything you wish to say. I will note that I have reviewed  
11 your sentencing submissions and all of the exhibits to it.

12 MS. HAN: Thank you, your Honor.

13 As the Court notes, the case was initially set for  
14 sentencing in March, and in our written submission which was  
15 filed in early March we asked for a sentence substantially  
16 below the 60 months recommended by the Probation Department.  
17 And, as the Court also notes, Mr. Roman was subsequently  
18 released on bail in late March to home confinement due to the  
19 health risks posed by COVID-19. Up until his relapse in  
20 mid-September Mr. Roman had maintained a perfect record of  
21 compliance with all of his release conditions. And, since his  
22 remand on October 15, he has spent another six weeks in the  
23 Essex County Correctional Facility and for several reasons,  
24 many of which we detailed in our written submission, we believe  
25 that a sentence substantially below the 60 months recommended

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1 by Probation is sufficient and not greater than necessary under  
2 the circumstances. And the Court is already familiar with our  
3 written submission so I will just briefly summarize a few  
4 salient points.

5 The first is that Mr. Roman presents a very low risk  
6 of reoffending. Our written submission already lays out his  
7 personal history and characteristics. This is Mr. Roman's  
8 first federal offense and his first felony conviction since  
9 2002. In other words he has been largely staying out of  
10 trouble for over 15 years until he his arrest in the current  
11 case. During those 15 years Mr. Roman undertook tremendous  
12 efforts to turn his life around. Even though he was constantly  
13 battling addiction he remained a productive member of society  
14 in several aspects. First, he managed to maintain long periods  
15 of sustained employment as a brick layer and has been a member  
16 of the same union since 2002. He was very competent, possessed  
17 a very strong worth ethic, and was consistently gainfully  
18 employed.

19 On the domestic front, Mr. Roman has been his father's  
20 primary caregiver since 2011. Caring for a demented patient is  
21 a tremendous undertaking, to say the least, and the many  
22 letters from Mr. Roman's supporters which your Honor has  
23 reviewed speak to how incredibly devoted Mr. Roman has been  
24 toward his father.

25 Mr. Roman has also been in a committed relationship

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1 with his fiancee Diana Toro for the last six years and I should  
2 have noted at the beginning that Diana Toro and her aunt Edna  
3 Toro are both calling in, they're both currently present on the  
4 phone line, I believe, in support of Mr. Roman and just by way  
5 of his relationship with Ms. Toro, Mr. Roman has also become a  
6 father figure to Ms. Toro two children. Again, I won't repeat  
7 what is said in the letters but the letters submitted by  
8 Ms. Toro's extended family speak to the loyal, the kind, and  
9 dedicated person that Mr. Roman is to them. And,  
10 unfortunately, these positive efforts became undone when  
11 Mr. Roman's addiction worsened in 2017 following a car  
12 accident.

13 Your Honor, I want to pause here because this is a  
14 really critical turning point for Mr. Roman. In that accident  
15 he suffered severe injuries and, as a result, lost the ability  
16 to work as a bricklayer, and because of his injuries he was  
17 given highly-addictive prescription medicines which further  
18 worsened his addiction. And between those two things he made a  
19 terrible, terrible decision -- he turned to selling drugs in  
20 order to feed his habits. And we are saying this not to offer  
21 an excuse -- and Mr. Roman, more than anyone else, is aware  
22 that he alone is responsible for the decisions that he made --  
23 but just to put things in perspective, if we were to take his  
24 drug addiction out of the picture for just a moment, we would  
25 see a radically different, just picture where his criminal

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1 conduct would appear out of place and would stand in stark  
2 contrast to the positive efforts that he undertook to be a  
3 law-abiding and productive member of society. And everything  
4 else, including a sustained employment record, a steady,  
5 committed relationship, extensive family support all go to  
6 Mr. Roman's demonstrated willingness and ability to seek  
7 treatment and to rehabilitate. These are all indicators of low  
8 recidivism and high capability of rehabilitation. And here I  
9 wanted to briefly just touch upon his bail violation which I am  
10 sure is on everyone's mind here and explain why this one time  
11 lapse shouldn't mean -- doesn't mean that a lengthy sentence is  
12 necessary for deterrence. It bears emphasis that the bail  
13 violation stems from a single incident of drug use. Your Honor  
14 is familiar with the record. It was an aberration from his  
15 otherwise truly exemplary record of compliance with all of his  
16 home incarceration and other bail conditions.

17 Now, we say this not to minimize the seriousness of  
18 drug use, especially given Mr. Roman's very troubled history  
19 with drug addiction. We realize that there is a direct link  
20 between his addiction and his involvement in criminal activity  
21 but, still, the fact remains that Mr. Roman, despite that  
22 one-time lapse, has demonstrated a true willingness and really  
23 the ability to rehabilitate and he has a track record, if your  
24 Honor looks at his, our written submission, he has a track  
25 record of seeking out treatment of his own and receiving

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1 treatment and managing his addiction, of course, all the way up  
2 until the car accident in 2017.

3 So, at the end of the day, this one incident of drug  
4 use, as regrettable as it was, just doesn't erase all his other  
5 positive efforts to beat addiction which we all know it is a  
6 very -- it is a very powerful hold on anyone in the best of  
7 circumstances, not to mention for someone like Mr. Roman who  
8 has been struggling with this most of his life.

9 And just, lastly, I wanted to go back to the goals of  
10 sentencing and wanted to talk about why a very short period of  
11 incarceration here, and combined with more supervision where we  
12 would also ask the Court to require mandatory drug treatment  
13 for Mr. Roman is the appropriate sentence here because it  
14 balances the need for deterrence and just punishment but also,  
15 of course, Mr. Roman's ability to rehabilitate.

16 Incarceration is a form of punishment and is not the  
17 only answer here. Supervision is also a substantial form of  
18 punishment and if the Court is so inclined, we would ask the  
19 Court to impose very strict conditions including home  
20 incarceration as part of the special conditions for Mr. Roman's  
21 supervision and not only will this allow Mr. Roman to stay out  
22 and seek treatment which is really what he needs here to  
23 rehabilitate, but to also give him the chance to continue to  
24 care for his father. I won't repeat the circumstances  
25 surrounding his father's illness but suffice it to say that he

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1 is in a very bad condition, he just cannot take care of himself  
2 and needs the help of his son. While it is fortunate that  
3 Ms. Toro and her son have been willing to assume part of the  
4 responsibility, it's not an overstatement to say that it has  
5 been a crushing burden on them and has taken a toll. So, with  
6 Mr. Roman incarcerated for a long period of time, which again,  
7 it is all due to his own doing but still, the fact remains that  
8 the burden will fall on Ms. Toro and her son who really are the  
9 innocent ones here and have nothing to do with the criminal  
10 activity.

11                   And lastly, before I wrap up, I just wanted to remind  
12 the Court of a few additional considerations that weigh in  
13 favor of imposing a shorter sentence. One is Mr. Roman's very  
14 serious medical conditions including the ruptured brain  
15 aneurysm that he suffered while incarcerated at the MCC in  
16 December 2019 and that that is separate and apart from the  
17 current, ongoing threat posed to his health by COVID-19. It is  
18 my understanding that as of today there are more than 40  
19 inmates at Essex County Jail who have tested positive for  
20 COVID-19 and Mr. Roman is currently housed in a dorm life  
21 setting with 40 other inmates and they all share the same  
22 bathrooms and showers so it is fair to say that everyone is  
23 living with a very culpable fear that any of them could  
24 contract the virus at any given time.

25                   And also, just on top of that, aside from Mr. Roman's

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1 own health problems, we all know that due to the pandemic the  
2 conditions of confinement in penitentiary settings around the  
3 country have really taken a blow. We are not talking about the  
4 normal kind of hardship, the discomfort that is usually  
5 associated with a term of imprisonment, we are talking about  
6 constant 24/7 lockdown; no personal, no family/attorney visits;  
7 no programs, no drug treatment services, and no really sort of  
8 free time outside the cell every day. So, and just in light of  
9 that, and I know that just Courts in and out of this circuit  
10 have taken that into account, have taken into account the  
11 particularly harsh conditions of confinement as grounds for  
12 downward variances. And Mr. Roman has been very fortunate, he  
13 was out for most of the first part of the pandemic but then he  
14 has been in since October 15th. And if the Court is to impose  
15 any term of incarceration, chances are he is going to just stay  
16 in his current facility until he serves out his sentence  
17 because there is now this very -- there is this effort to avoid  
18 transporting prisoners among prisons. And I just I know that  
19 it is not biting precedent but it has been brought to our  
20 attention that state courts in New Jersey have routinely given  
21 more credit to offenders who have served time in Essex County  
22 Jail because of the particularly harsh COVID-related conditions  
23 there since earlier this year.

24 So, that's what I had to say and I also just wanted to  
25 note that, with the Court's permission, Mr. Roman has prepared

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1 a very brief statement that he would like to make directly to  
2 your Honor.

3 Thank you.

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 Mr. Roman, there is no requirement for you to speak  
6 but I would be glad to hear you now.

7 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, ma'am.

8 Good afternoon -- actually, it is 12:02. Yes, I wrote  
9 something. Good afternoon. I am wanting to wish all that are  
10 present well wishes and that they find themselves in the best  
11 of health and in God's care. I would like to thank the Court  
12 for allowing me the opportunity to say something on my behalf  
13 at this hearing.

14 I am filled with overwhelming remorse, guilt, and  
15 pain. I have caused a great deal of pain to a lot of people,  
16 both my family and community, many who care for me  
17 wholeheartedly and unconditionally. I have failed them with my  
18 deviancy, most of all my father who is in most need of my care  
19 and support at this moment in time. There was no excuse for my  
20 behavior. It was ill-intended and totally against the laws and  
21 morals of society. I am living a nightmare that I wish to wake  
22 from. I just want this to be over with so that I may continue  
23 the next chapter of my life and life's terms. I am sorry for  
24 what I have done and ask for forgiveness for all who I have  
25 hurt. I am sorry. I disrespected my wife, my family and

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1 myself, and most of all my dad, as well as my community.

2 Again, my actions were ill-intended and against the laws of  
3 society. I'm sorry.

4 Thank you.

5 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Roman.

6 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, ma'am.

7 THE COURT: Would the government like to be heard?

8 MR. HOBSON: Yes, your Honor. And can I confirm that  
9 the Court received our sentencing submission as well?

10 THE COURT: I did. Thank you.

11 MR. HOBSON: Your Honor, I won't repeat everything  
12 that we said in that and I will rely largely on that submission  
13 but I will make a few points that I think are particularly  
14 important with respect to Mr. Roman. First of all, his role in  
15 the offense. The defendant was right in the middle of this  
16 conspiracy. I think we can see that he is not at the very top,  
17 he wasn't the top supplier here, but it was important to note  
18 that he was not a street-level dealer. The guidelines range  
19 here, which is 70 to 87 months, pretty accurately gets his  
20 relative role in this conspiracy.

21 As the Court knows, Alberto Velasquez was the top of  
22 this conspiracy and the Court sentenced him to 188 months'  
23 imprisonment. In contrast, Antonio Burgos was actually one of  
24 Mr. Roman's workers and therefore less culpable than Mr. Roman  
25 and the Court sentenced Mr. Burgos to 14 months imprisonment

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1 The 70 to 87-month guideline range is right in the middle of  
2 that and reflects the fact that Mr. Roman is not at the bottom  
3 of the conspiracy but he is also not at the top.

4 The defendant here was selling a particularly  
5 dangerous brand of drugs. He was selling a very large amount  
6 of heroin and, importantly, this is heroin that was laced with  
7 Fentanyl. I think we saw in his undercover buy that he didn't  
8 disclose to his buyers that he was lacing his heroin with  
9 Fentanyl which made it extra deadly. The idea was that this  
10 would be passed on to users and addicts on the street who also  
11 presumably would not know that it contained Fentanyl. This  
12 made his drug dealing particularly dangerous.

13 Also, in response to something defense counsel said, I  
14 want to note that the defendant's operation was not the sort of  
15 operation that you see generally with an addict who was simply  
16 feeding his habit. These are not one-off next-level street  
17 sales to get his next hit. He was running a relatively  
18 sophisticated operation. He was selling \$3,000 worth of heroin  
19 at a time. These are 600 individual doses at a time and he had  
20 people like Antonio Burgos working for him brokering some of  
21 these sales to the street-level dealers who were then turning  
22 it onto the street.

23 On the point of deterrence, we have no confidence that  
24 the defendant would be deterred by a below guideline sentence  
25 here. The defendant has a lengthy criminal history, this is

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1 his 12th conviction, and some of his prior convictions included  
2 very serious sentences and very serious prison time including  
3 one stint of approximately five years in prison. That did  
4 nothing to deter him. It is important to note that the  
5 defendant is now in his 50s which is an age when most criminals  
6 have aged out of committing crimes. The defendant has not.  
7 The defendant appeared to have escalated his criminal activity,  
8 moved up the supply chain, and was selling a significant amount  
9 of drugs. He is also someone who had the skills to succeed.  
10 He is an experienced brick layer, he got his GED. In a prior  
11 prison term he received training in custodial management but he  
12 decided, instead, that it was easier and more lucrative to sell  
13 drugs and to sell Fentanyl.

14 His behavior in the instant case, which defense  
15 counsel addressed to some extent, I think gives more concern  
16 about whether the defendant can be deterred because, as noted,  
17 the Court allowed the defendant to be out on bail pending  
18 sentencing to address his health issues. Instead of resolving  
19 his health issues the defendant still couldn't follow the law,  
20 he returned to using drugs, he tested positive for drugs, and  
21 he betrayed the Court's trust in doing that. It shows that the  
22 defendant has little respect for the Court's sentences and he  
23 needs a substantial sentence to deter him from further criminal  
24 behavior and to once and for all send a message that his drug  
25 dealing will not be accepted.

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1                   For those reasons, your Honor, we believe a guideline  
2 sentence here is appropriate.

3                   THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Hobson.

4                   I will note that I am required to calculate  
5 Mr. Roman's sustaining guideline range. It is the range set  
6 forth in his plea agreement and the presentence report which is  
7 a total offense level of 25 and a Criminal History Category of  
8 III which results in a custodial range of 70 to 87 months.

9                   I move now to the factors set forth in Section 3553.  
10 The offense is very serious because selling heroin that is  
11 laced with Fentanyl, even if it has only a trace of Fentanyl,  
12 is very serious because of its highly addictive quality.

13                   Mr. Roman's history and characteristics are, I  
14 believe, largely as set forth by Ms. Han. He has fought  
15 addiction most of his adult life -- I will address you  
16 directly. You maintained employment for years. You have  
17 serious medical problems including a brain aneurysm. You have  
18 the support of your union local and your many relatives who  
19 attest to your good character and history.

20                   The goals of sentencing in this case are to promote  
21 respect for the law, provide individual deterrence of the  
22 defendant, and to protect the public from further crimes of the  
23 defendant and to serve the goal of general deterrence.

24                   Given Mr. Roman's poor health, his need to care for  
25 his father, his good employment history, I believe that the

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1 goals of sentencing here will be met by 60 months in prison  
2 with credit for time-served.

3 Mr. Roman, I sentence you to 60 months in prison with  
4 credit for time served. You will be on supervised release for  
5 three years. I impose no fine because you don't have the means  
6 to pay a fine. I am required to impose the special assessment  
7 of \$100 which I impose now. The mandatory and standard  
8 conditions of release will apply. In addition, the special  
9 conditions set forth on pages 28 and 29 of your presentence  
10 report will apply. These are, first, a drug treatment  
11 requirement which is that you must participate in an outpatient  
12 treatment program approved by the United States Probation  
13 Office which program may include testing to determine whether  
14 you have reverted to using drugs. You must contribute to the  
15 costs of services rendered based on your ability to pay and the  
16 availability of third-party payment. I authorize the release  
17 of available drug treatment evaluations and reports including  
18 your presentence investigation report to the substance abuse  
19 treatment provider.

20 Second, you must submit your person and any property,  
21 residence, vehicle, papers, computer or other electronic  
22 communication, data storage devices, cloud storage or media and  
23 effects, to a search by any United States probation officer  
24 and, if needed, with the assistance of any law enforcement.

25 The search is to be conducted when there is reasonable

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1 suspicion concerning a violation of a condition, a provision or  
2 unlawful conduct by you. Failure to submit to a search may be  
3 grounds for revocation of release. You must warn any other  
4 occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant  
5 to this condition. Any search must be conducted at a  
6 reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.

7 Now, at this point I would like to hear defense  
8 counsel's recommendations. As I understand it from your  
9 submissions you seek to have Mr. Roman placed in an institution  
10 that can give him medical care and drug treatment. Please go  
11 ahead, Ms. Han. What are your recommendations?

12 MS. HAN: Thank you, your Honor. That's correct, we  
13 would respectfully request that your Honor recommend that  
14 Mr. Roman be designated to an institution that is equipped to  
15 provide the kind of medical treatment that he needs and also  
16 preferably an institution that is equipped to -- when  
17 programming resumes after the pandemic -- that would provide  
18 him the access to the kind of drug treatment that he needs.

19 THE COURT: All right. I adopt those proposals.

20 MR. HOBSON: Your Honor, I apologize to interrupt but  
21 while Ms. Han was speaking the defendant's video went out so I  
22 want to just confirm that he is -- and his video just came back  
23 so I want to confirm that he was able to hear before you  
24 proceed.

25 THE COURT: Thank you.

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1 MR. HOBSON: Can the marshals hear us? Mr. Roman?

2 THE COURT: I think I better ask my law clerk to get  
3 in touch with the marshal.

4 MR. HOBSON: I can see the marshal on the camera.

5 THE DEPUTY CLERK: That's a different facility that  
6 just interrupted our proceeding and I think kicked Mr. Roman  
7 off.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 THE DEPUTY CLERK: I am going to see if we can find  
10 the number to get him back.

11 THE COURT: In the meantime, I will ask the court  
12 reporter to read me the last sentence you recorded once the  
13 defendant is back on video.

14 (pause)

15 THE COURT: Mr. Roman, can you see all of us?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I can now. I can't see you, I  
17 see two of myself.

18 THE COURT: We have a lot of technical difficulties  
19 here. Unless you want to take a break?

20 THE DEFENDANT: No, no. No, ma'am. I'm good. I'm  
21 good. I can't see you but I can hear you.

22 THE COURT: I will try to speak especially distinctly.

23 Can the court reporter please read back what I said?

24 THE DEFENDANT: I'm sorry, ma'am? I was cut off when  
25 my lawyer was about to speak.

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1                   THE COURT: Okay. I asked the court reporter to be  
2 ready to read back the last thing that was said on the record  
3 so that we are sure we have everyone.

4                   THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Thank you.

5                   (Record read)

6                   THE DEFENDANT: Yes, yes, I heard you.

7                   THE COURT: Does the government move to dismiss  
8 charges?

9                   MR. HOBSON: Yes, your Honor. We move to dismiss all  
10 open counts.

11                  THE COURT: I grant the motion.

12                  Is there anything further that counsel wished to say  
13 before I read Mr. Roman his appeal rights?

14                  MR. HOBSON: Not from the government, your Honor.

15                  MS. HAN: Not from the defense, your Honor.

16                  THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

17                  Mr. Roman, we are coming to the end of the sentencing.  
18 We are coming to the part where I read every defendant his  
19 appeal rights. You can appeal your conviction if you believe  
20 that your guilty plea was somehow unlawful or involuntary or if  
21 there is some other fundamental defect in the proceedings that  
22 was not waived by your guilty plea. You also have a statutory  
23 right to appeal your sentence under certain circumstances.  
24 With few exceptions, any notice of appeal must be filed within  
25 14 days of judgment being entered in your case. Judgment is

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1 likely to be entered today or within the next day. If you wish  
2 to appeal and you don't have enough money to pay a lawyer, you  
3 may apply for leave to appeal in forma pauperis. If you  
4 request, the Clerk of the Court will prepare and file a notice  
5 of appeal on your behalf.

6 You made an eloquent statement about your remorse and  
7 your intention to go straight. I believe you and I hope that  
8 you do that.

9 We are adjourned. Thank you.

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